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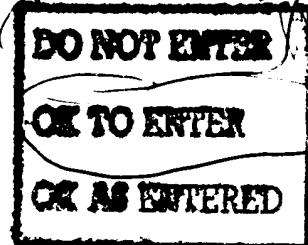
In re Application of

BROECKEL et al.

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Sir:

In response to the office action dated July 17, 2001, applicants respectfully
request the examiner to enter and consider the following amendments, in accordance
with 37 CFR 1.116. The rejection of claim 16 under 35 USC §112 is obviated hereby,
and the amendments to the other claims do not present any new issues requiring
further consideration or search by the examiner, and do not raise the issue of new
matter under 35 USC §132(a).